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SUBJECT: HALLORAN ARTICLE: JUNE 19

FOLLOWING IS HALLORAN STORY APPEARING IN SUNDAY NEW YORK TIMES. ARTICLE IS HEADED "U.S. IS REPORTED TO HAVE BUGGED KOREA PRESIDENT .. SPYING YIELDED DATA ON BRIBERY, SOURCES SAY".

"A U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCY ACTIVATED ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL MANSION IN SOUTH KOREA IN 1975 AND PRODUCED SPECIFIC REPORTS ON KOREAN BRIBERY OF AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN, ACCORDING TO SOURCES CONNECTED WITH THE INQUIRY INTO THE KOREAN SCANDAL HERE.

"THE STATE DEPARTMENT COMPILED THESE REPORTS AND OTHERS AND TURNED THEM OVER TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT IN THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LATE SPRING OF 1975, THE SOURCE SAID. THE REPORTS PUT LIFE INTO A PLODDING FEDERAL INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATIONS OF KOREAN ATTEMPTS TO SUBVERT AMERICAN OFFICIALS, THEY SAID.

"THIS INDICATES THAT U.S. OFFICIALS KNEW EVEN MORE THAN HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN DISCLOSED ABOUT THE WIDE-RANGING,

PARTLY COVERT AND ALLEGEDLY ILLEGAL KOREAN EFFORTS TO

INFLUENCE AMERICAN POLICY, LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC OPINION
TOWARD SOUTH KOREA.

"BUT LEGAL SPECIALISTS HAVE NOTED THE DIFFICULTY OF USING
THE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE IN
A COURT OR A CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY. UNDER U.S. LAW,
INFORMATION ON AMERICAN CITIZENS THAT WAS OBTAINED IN AN
ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE OPERATION ABROAD CANNOT BE USED
IN LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS.

"AN ACCOUNT OF THE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF THE BLUE
HOUSE, THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT PARK CHUNG HEE
OF SOUTH KOREA, WAS PIECED TOGETHER FROM INFORMATION
OBTAINED FROM OFFICIALS, FORMER OFFICIALS AND INVESTI-
GATORS HERE.

"LAST FALL, NEWS REPORTS OF THE KOREAN LOBBY INVESTIGA-
TION, CENTERING ON PARK TONG SUN, A KOREAN BUSINESSMAN
IN WASHINGTON, SAID THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
HAD PLACED A LISTENING DEVICE, OR 'BUG', INSIDE THE BLUE
HOUSE.

"THE SURVEILLANCE WAS SAID TO HAVE PRODUCED INFORMATION
ABOUT A 1970 MEETING IN WHICH PRESIDENT PARK, PARK TONG
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SUN AND OTHER KOREANS PLANNED AN OPERATION TO PERSUADE
AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN TO FAVOR SOUTH KOREA WITH VOTES
AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS.

"THOSE REPORTS, HOWEVER, WERE LATER SAID TO HAVE BEEN
INCORRECT. THE SOURCES SAID THE C.I.A. HAD GOTTEN ITS
INFORMATION FROM INFORMANTS IN THE BLUE HOUSE AND THAT
SEVERAL PLANNING CONFERENCES, NOT JUST ONE, HAD BEEN HELD
IN THE SUMMER AND FALL OF 1970.

"THEY ALSO SAID THAT AMERICAN INTELLIGENCE HAD OBTAINED
ELECTRONIC INTERCEPTION OF KOREAN TELEPHONE AND CABLE
TRAFFIC BETWEEN SEOUL AND WASHINGTON AT THAT TIME, AND
THEREBY HAD GAINED VALUABLE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WAS
GOING ON.

"THE SOURCES WENT ON TO SAY, HOWEVER, THAT AMERICAN
OFFICIALS IN THE MID-1970'S PLANNED A LONG-RANGE PROJECT
TO GET ELECTRONIC INTELLIGENCE FROM THE BLUE HOUSE ITSELF
BECAUSE SOME U.S. OFFICIALS DISTRUSTED PRESIDENT PARK.

"THESE OFFICIALS WERE DISTURBED, THE SOURCES SAID

BY PARK'S REPRESSIVE DOMESTIC POLITICS AND BY A FEAR THAT HE MIGHT MAKE A SECRET DEAL WITH THE COMMUNIST NORTH KOREANS, WITH WHOM THE SOUTH KOREANS WERE THEN NEGOTIATING.

"PRECISE DETAILS OF THE SURVEILLANCE TECHNIQUE COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. THE SOURCES SAID THE OPERATION HAD TO BE CAREFULLY EXECUTED BECAUSE OF THE DIPLOMATIC RISK INVOLVED.

"SPECIALISTS IN ELECTRONIC DEVICES SAID THAT IT APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN A BEAMED RADIO WAVE, A METHOD THAT WOULD OVERCOME THE PROBLEM OF GETTING THROUGH THE SECURITY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SURROUNDING THE BLUE HOUSE AND THE RISKS OF HIRING KOREANS TO ENTER THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE.

"THE TECHNIQUE, A SPECIALIST SAID, DOES NOT REQUIRE AN INSTRUMENT INSIDE THE ROOM TARGETED FOR EAVESDROPPING. THE RADIO WAVE IS BEAMED INTO THE ROOM, MOVED AROUND UNTIL IT FINDS AN OBJECT TO VIBRATE AGAINST, AND THEN TRANSMITTED BACK WITH THE VOICES AND NOISE IN THE ROOM.

"THIS TECHNIQUE CAN BE USED WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A LINE OF SIGHT BETWEEN THE TRANSMITTER AND THE TARGET, AND THE RADIO WAVE CAN GO THROUGH WALLS AND GLASS. THE AMERICAN EMBASSY AND THE RESIDENTIAL COMPOUND OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATS IN SEOUL ARE CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE BLUE HOUSE TO PERMIT USE OF SUCH A DEVICE.

"BY EARLY 1975, THE SOURCES SAID, THE SYSTEM WAS PRODUCING INTELLIGENCE FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY, WHICH UNDERTAKES ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE MISSIONS ALL OVER THE WORLD.

"ONE SET OF THE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, ACCORDING TO A SOURCE WHO HAS SEEN THEM, SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBED ACTS BY AMERICAN CITIZENS THAT WERE VIOLATIONS OF AMERICAN LAW. HE DECLINED TO ELABORATE, BUT ANOTHER SOURCE SAID THE REPORTS REFERRED TO CONGRESSMEN TAKING KOREAN BRIBES.

"THAT VIEW APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN REINFORCED AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE HOUSE ETHICS COMMITTEE, WHICH IS INVESTIGATING THE BRIBERY ALLEGATIONS. THE COMMITTEE'S CHIEF COUNSEL, PHILIP A. LACOVARA, SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE NATIONAL SECURITY AGENCY HAD 'EXCEPTIONALLY IMPORTANT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INFORMATION' PERTAINING TO THE INQUIRY, AND ADDED THAT THE COMMITTEE WAS TRYING TO GET IT.

"THE COMMITTEE HAS AUTHORIZED A SUBPOENA FOR JUANITA MOODY, THE FORMER CHIEF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER AT THE SECURITY AGENCY, PRESUMABLY TO TESTIFY ABOUT THE INFORMATION THE AGENCY OBTAINED.

"BUT MR. LACOVARA ALSO OBSERVED THAT THE COMMITTEE MIGHT RUN INTO LEGAL DIFFICULTIES BECAUSE THE INFORMATION ON U.S. CITIZENS HAD BEEN OBTAINED ELECTRONICALLY AND IN AN INTELLIGENCE MISSION.

"THE LAW PROHIBITS THE USE OF THAT INFORMATION IN LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEEDINGS, INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATIONS. MOREOVER, WHAT THE LAW CALLS THE "PRINCIPLE OF ATTENUATED TAINT" MAY PRECLUDE THE INTRODUCTION OF EVIDENCE THAT WAS GAINED BY USING THE 'TAINTED' EVIDENCE AS A LEAD. HOWEVER, INFORMATION OBTAINED INDEPENDENT OF THE TAINTED SOURCE IS ADMISSIBLE.

"EVEN SO, THE REPORTS MADE IN 1975, ALL SOURCES AGREED, PUT STEAM INTO THE FEDERAL INVESTIGATION. BEFORE THAT, OFFICIALS IN THE STATE DEPARTMENT HAD OCCASIONALLY WRITTEN TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT QUESTIONING THE LEGALITY OF VARIOUS KOREAN ACTIONS, BUT INVESTIGATORS SAID THEY COULD NOT FIND ENOUGH EVIDENCE TO WARRANT GOING TO COURT.

"THAT BEGAN TO CHANGE IN THE LATE SPRING OF 1975, WHEN PHILIP C. HABIB, THEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR EAST ASIA AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS, RECEIVED THE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ON CRIMINAL VIOLATIONS BY AMERICANS, THE SOURCES SAID.

"MR. HABIB, WHO SENT IN A NUMBER OF EARLIER REPORTS ON SUSPECTED KOREAN AGENTS AND THEIR OPERATIONS FROM HIS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POST AS AMBASSADOR TO SOUTH KOREA FROM 1971 TO 1974, ASSEMBLED THOSE REPORTS, OTHER DOCUMENTS, AND THE NEW INTELLIGENCE REPORTS AND WENT TO SEE SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER, THE SOURCES SAID.

"MR. KISSINGER AGREED WITH MR. HABIB'S RECOMMENDATION THAT THE ENTIRE FILE, NUMBERING MORE THAN 200 DOCUMENTS,

BE TURNED OVER TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FOR POSSIBLE CRIMINAL PROSECUTION, THE SOURCES SAID. MR. HABIB WAS SAID TO HAVE MET WITH JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SEVERAL TIMES IN THE SUMMER OF 1975 TO EXPLAIN THE FILE.

"MR. HABIB, NOW UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE, SAID IT WAS 'NOT APPROPRIATE' FOR HIM TO COMMENT ON MATTERS UNDER

JUDICIAL REVIEW. HE HAD 'NO COMMENT' ON THE ELECTRONIC SOURCE OF THE REPORTS. HE WAS REACHED, THROUGH THE STATE DEPARTMENT, IN GRENADA, WHERE HE WAS ATTENDING A MEETING OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES.

"THERE WERE OTHER INCIDENTS IN THE SPRING OF 1975 THAT ADDED IMPETUS TO THE KOREAN INVESTIGATION, THE EVIDENCE ON WHICH COULD BE USED IN COURT. BEFORE MR. HABIB WENT TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT, THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION HAD BEEN LOOKING INTO THE APPARENT SUICIDE THAT APRIL OF JAMES W. HOWE, THE HUSBAND OF NANCY HOWE, THEN CHIEF OF STAFF TO BETTY FORD IN THE WHITE HOUSE.

"THE HOWES WERE FRIENDS OF PARK TONG SUN, KNOWN HERE AS TONGSUN PARK, THE KOREAN BUSINESSMAN ALLEGED TO HAVE BEEN A KOREAN AGENT. MR. PARK WAS ALLEGED TO HAVE DONE FAVORS FOR THE HOWES, INCLUDING PAYING FOR TWO VACATION TRIPS.

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"IMPETUS ALSO CAME FROM REP. DONALD M. FRASER, WHOSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HELD HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA IN JUNE 1975. A FORMER KOREAN DIPLOMAT OUTLINED THE EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS OF THE KOREAN CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IN THE U.S. AND MR. FRASER, A MINNESOTA DEMOCRAT, ASKED THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE."

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